

A number of Science and Technology departments have extramural R & D funding programmes to promote specific R & D projects according to their allocation of business these R & D Projects are processed in consultation with the other concerned technical departments wherever necessary, avoid duplication of efforts. In many cases, projects are transferred to the concerned technical departments. More recently, the Department of Science and Technology has established a mechanism called "Inter Agency Committee on Management of R & D Funding" which meets frequently to discuss the common concerns relating to R & D Projects etc. of all the technical departments, with the overall objective of evolving an integrated approach to promoting R & D activities.

In addition, as a part of the National Management Information System Programme, a complete data base of extramural R & D projects supported by all the technical departments is maintained to avoid duplication of efforts.

[*Translation*]

#### **Demand for Maruti Cars**

\*687. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Maruti cars of various models manufactured during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the demand for Maruti vehicles in India has increased and these vehicles have also become quite popular in African countries; and

(c) if so, the details of the annual demand of these cars in foreign countries and in India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Details of Maruti vehicles produced during the last three years are given below:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Maruti-800</i>	<i>Omni</i>	<i>Gypsy</i>	<i>Maruti-1000</i>	<i>Total</i>
1988-89	67,547	31,171	6,829	-	105,547
1989-90	73,410	35,058	9,053	-	117,521
1990-91	74,149	33,834	10,023	5,077	123,083

(b) and (c). There is an increasing demand for Maruti cars in India. As regards African countries the exports have been relatively small. The details regarding the

total number of vehicles exported, the number of vehicles sold in African countries and the domestic sales during the last three years are as under:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Exports to African countries</i>	<i>Domestic sale</i>
1988-89	1408	153	1,04,184
1989-90	5223	317	1,12,032
1990-91	4908	122	1,15,394

[English]

#### **Installed Capacity of Edible Oil Industry**

\*688. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the edible oil industry has been facing difficulties due to the in-adequate availability of the edible oils/oilseeds during the last year;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of utilization of the installed capacity;

(c) the percentage increase in the prices of edible oils during the last six months;

(d) the likely short-fall of edible oils and oilseeds against the estimated demand during 1991-92; and

(e) whether the Government propose to import edible oils during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As per available information, the

capacity utilisation during the year 1989-90 was 62%.

(c) The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) (as on 10.8.1991) for edible oils has increased by 3.1% over February, 1991.

(d) The likely short-fall in oilseeds and edible oils from the demand in the oil year 1991-92, is estimated at about 22 lakh tonnes of oilseeds and 7 lakh tonnes of edible oils.

(e) Edible oils may be imported, if the circumstances so warrant.

[Translation]

#### **Demand and Supply of Urea**

\*689. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Urea being produced each year in the country at present;

(b) the quantity of Urea required each year;

(c) whether the Government propose to formulate any programme to increase its production; and